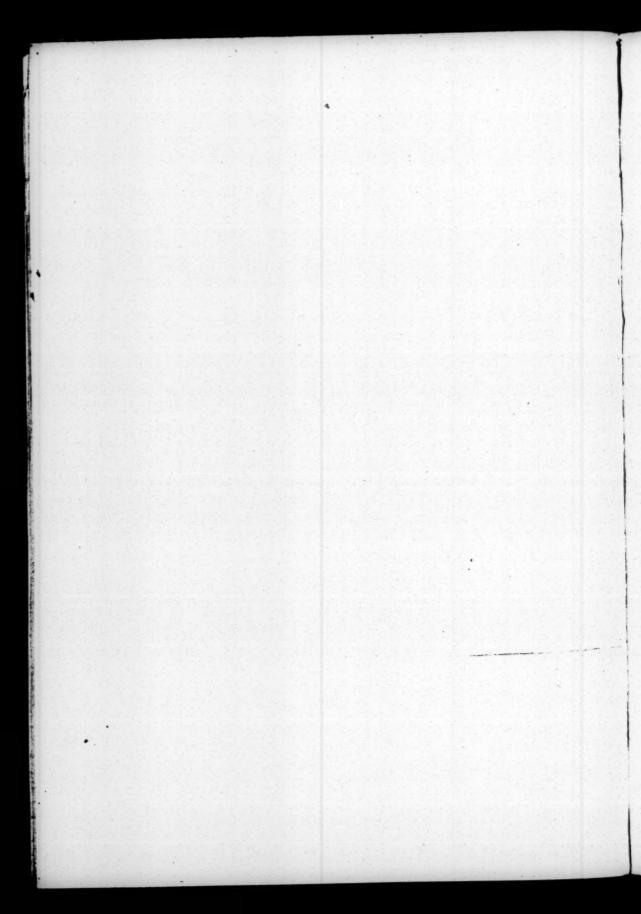
# A COMMEMO RATION OF THE INES-TIMABLE GRACES AND BENEFITES OF COD, INFVSED THROVGH THE bepatt light of the knowlede of his holy word, in our mofte diadde fouerapgne loide HENRY the eyght, by the grace of god kying of ENG= LANDE and of FRAVNCE, Defendet of the fayth, loade of Arelande, and in erth the supreme beed next and im= mediate bider CHRISTE of the Churche of Englande. with hartye prayle and thankes apupng bu to GOD for the fame, com= posed bp= pon the alad prophecy and topefull pfalme of Benedictus domi-

ANNO. M. D. XL.

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# TO THE RYGHT HONO-

RABLE THOMAS LORDE CRVMVVEL
knyght of the noble order of the Garther, lorde kes
per of the priny seale of our most souerayn lord
the kyng, and also vicegerent of the spiris
tualtie, your humble and faythfull sers
uaunt, Iohn Pylbarough desyreth
long helth and prosperous per
seuerance in honour.



onsiderynge often ty=
mes in my felfe, (my fyngulat
good lozde) the inestimable gra=
ces and benefytes, with the whi=
che god of his infinite goodnes
hath moste largely indewed our

moste soueragne loade the kynges mooste noble maiestie, wherof his grace hath abundantly imparted also buto by his mooste humble and lougnge subjectes, by the illustration of goddis moste holy worde, and buto what consolation, toye, and comforet, from our longe peynefully suffered the albome, dreadefulle darkenes, and daungers of our bodies, soules, and all that we had before forth, we be nowe most blessedly deliquered and comme, throughethe same, I have thought and get assuredly do thynke, there is no saythfull or true engreshe hart, that can reteyne and kepe to hym selfe the memorial theros, and not exnessly and with al diligence indeuour and apply hym selfe, by all suche meanes and ways,

as his wrtte power and counnynge, whiche god bath gruen hpm, wylle ferue hym, to btter and fet forthe the same, bothe to the condigne laude and prayle of god therfore, and buto the perpetuali renowne and aloxiouse fame of our sapde moste soueray gne loide, as the bery minister, in and by whome God hathe thus wonderfully wrought in bs, and as in whom(as Paul faith) our recoglynge myght abounde and increase by Jelu Chalte, by reason of his returne home a= gayne to his right and infe title of godly mini= stration and power ouer bs, wherof he, and his mofte noble progenytours, haue ben bniuftely, by blurpacion, longe deprined. Wherebpon for my part, in discharge of my conscience and due= tie towardes god a his maiestie in this behalfe, Manh.25. I have applyed my best wyll (accordynge to my litell, and not buknowen to all men moste least) gyfte, whiche I have thankefully (notwithstan= dyinge) recepued of god amongest other, to be= stowe and employe to his ble, to compyle this lyttell treatyle, bpon the toyfull plalme, Benedis Etus dominus deus Ifrael. Co. the alad prophecye and

Luc.z.

Philipp.I.

interpretation is almoch to fay, as remembring god, of and for the bniverfall spirituall bisita= tion and redemption of mankynde, by Chailtis becommynge incarnate, and commendation of his chosen mynister therbuto, John Baptiste: wherof and of whose conception also he was in= opinable at the tyme of the reuelation therof, by

reason

prayleapuynae bnto god by zachary, whiche by

reason of the very old ages of him and his wife, to thentet the same, which I wold to god wereas effectuously thewed and let forth by me herin, as Thave bothe hartily and faythfully pourposed and ment it, myght be an occasion and example for us, bothe to laude and prayle god of and for our specyal bisytation and redemption, through the lyght of goddis most holy worde, wherof we were also inopinable and farthelesse at the fraste pronouncynge thereof, by reason that the same was longe hydde from bs, and mannes tradi= tions and inventions crepte betwene. And also to commende worthely our land most soueranne lozde, goddes holy minister therof, in perpetuall memozy, and from generation of bs into gene= ration, lefte we whiche as adoptive Afraelytes by faythe do presently eniope so hyghe and god= ly benefytes by god and his layde mynyster the kynges maiestie, shulde be accompted any lesse thankefull therfore, then was zacharie, who be= ing latisfied with only hope, thanked and prais fed God and his holy mynyster John Baptiste. for the merites of Chaiftes incarnation, then to come. Whyche Treatise moste temeraryously I have dedycate buto you, whom I have always estemed, lyke the reacht bertuous and farthfull Saphan, buto his moste godly papuce Josias, a gracious fauourer of all honest and holy pur= pofes, and my bery fyngular good lozde: Tru= stynge that although bothe for the grosse hand= lynge of so fyne a matter, and also the rude and

# THE PREFACE.

inomate style and physic therof, it be nothunge worthy suche preferrement in dede, yet never the lesse your accustomed benignite wyl bouchsafe to reform the same, wherin it may seme but to you convenient, a also accept and make it worthye, agreinge to my good wyl intended there in. And for my parte, and shall not onely most hartly prayse and thanke god thereore, but

also accordinge to my bounden
duette owe but o your good
lozdeshyppe my harty
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ble seruyce
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GOD SAVE THE

Benedictus dominus deus Ifrael : quia uifitauit & fecit Redemptionem plebis fue.



OR AS MOCHE AS in the Scryptures of the olde Testa= ment and the newe, it is no rare thyng, that dyuerle persons ben named some before their birthes a some when they have cotinued

with one name, have had the same chaged, accoz dinge a for suche occasions or qualities as have rylen oz ben in them, oz foz some spnguler merp= tes gyuen buto them (whereof to make an hole reherfall, it were no leffe to my capacytie impof= lyble, than to your readyng tedious) I am and dare be bolde (without offence to any person) for the godly occasion and bertuous qualities (whi= che nowe ben apparant in bs mofte chaiftian en= alpshe people) to repute and ascribe worthply to bs the name of Mraelites. Hozlyke as Jacob, Genes.25. whiche is as moche to fap, as a supplanter, was an apte name for hym, accordying to his qualitie than, bycause he had supplanted his brother @= Gene.27. fau, both of his brathright and fathers bleffing. wherfore Elau land of hum, he may wel be cal= led Jacob, foz he hath twyle bndermynded me. and Elaus name was chaunged into Edom, as who shuld say (redde) by cause he hadde solde the faide byzthright for a meace of redde meate, as lyke apte a name was after foz the fame Jacob Genefigze (Afraell) whiche is interpreted, a man feinge

Pfal 113.

Exod. 12. Exod.13.

Genes.28. the loade) bycause he had sene god and his wonderfull heavenly syghtes. Whiche Israell and his generation god chase to hym a peculiar peo= ple. A in them extended his holpnesse a strength. and faued theym in Eappte, from the areuous

plaque through the bloudde of the lambe. And Matt. 15. for them Charle land allo, I came not but to cure the thepe of the house of Israel, that were perithed: Euen so bycause we now se the load god by his fcriptures and by his holy worde, be fanctifred aftrenathed in hom, and spiritually cured through the blod of our redemer Christ, we may tyght well a aptly be callyd Israelites, a people

Elai 62. Et noca = bunt eos populus dempti a domino. Titum. 2.

feing god, a people fanctified and strengthed w goddis worde, a cured with Chaiftis bloud. Hoz the grace of god our faupour hath appered bit= fanctus, re to bs, and openynge the epes of our biderlan= dyng hath taught bs to fee and knowe Chaifte. fantalies noz dzemes, mens inventions do not nowe blynde oz decepue bs any longer. Hoz the brode busshell of hypocrifie, whiche overwhel= med the bayght candell (goddis woade) is nowe taken away, and we see all over the house of our owne consciences: and we se thauctour of light. and the very lyaht it felfe, that lyahteneth (with divertitie of graces) all refonable creatures co= mynge into this worlde. And whom (although he was in the worlde) we beinge seduced and led blyndefulle by vanities, coulde not percepue oz knowe tylie nowe at the laste, whyle we were a people wandapinge in barknes of ignozance, and owel=

Ioan.s.

dwellers in the shadowes of dethe, which is syn. accompanyed with deathe: the greate lyghte of goddis most holy word dyd appere buto bs, and Elai. 9. our redemption was never that we were aware. Ind where we were befoze in darknes, a people Ephel's. ignozant of god, we be nowe inlyghtened with the bepahtnes of knowledge in our loede god: who bath commanded the lyaht to Chyne out of Darknes, whiche hath flyned in our hartes, for to grue the lyght of the knowlege of the glope of god in the face of Jelus Chailt, that is in the Mau. 16. faithe, whiche Beter and his felowe apostles by hom, one answerpinge for all, confessed in Chaist to be the sonne of the lyuynge god. Upon which Chaile, and fayth in hym, and boon, oain none other, our catholyke congregation immediatly is firmely fettled. Lette bs therfoze nowe, ha= upnge recepued this lyght of god, impapite the memoriall therof in our hartes, with perfect be= lefe therof, a magnifie god therfoze, that it may fructifie in bs good workes, and make bs bleffed through the same, before all nations, as was the holy birgyn Mary by Elisabeth, saying bu= to her, Bleffed arte thou amonge women , and Luc. t. blessed is the fruite of thy wombe. For bycause thou haste mekely recepued the holve worde of god, and gladde tydynges by his angell: Those fame thynges Chall be perfourmed in the, accozdynge as the same aungell bath sayde buto the. And also by example of Zachary, who bycause he beleued not the possibilitie of goddis worde, whiche

Roma.13.

Luc. 1. whiche the aungell dydde shewe but o hym, was made specheles for a tyme, but whan he saw the perfection therof, beinge sory for his insidelitie, dydde recepue ageyne by goddis goodnesse, his speche, augmented with the grace and spirite of prophecienge and thankes gruynge but o god for the same: being repentant and detestyng, that we have ben so longe mysbeleuyng of the word of god shewed and set for the but o his hy goddis

Luce, 17.

Daniel 3.

Benedictus dominus de us Ifiael qui a ujfirauit & fecit redem prionem ple bis fux.

prophecienge and thankes grupnge buto god to, the fame: being repentant and Deteffyng, that we have ben so longe impsbeleuring of the word of god, shewed and set forthe buto by goddis holy doctours and prechers, whom the Sathan of Rome bath dyuellishly tozmented, burnt, and flagne, to kepe be faithles, and make be dumbe, that we shulde not blowe out his errours and a= buses, noz kynges & tempozall rulers shulde be lerned of their godly auctorities ouer their sub= iectes (whyche the same Sathan had blurped) let bs nowe, not lyke as the tenne, whiche were healed of their lepzie, wherof one onely came a= gern to grue thankes to God, but holly and en= tierly togythers, even as the thre whiche were in the forneys of free, lauded and alonfred aod, as it had ben with one mouth braft out like the day spang the light of the faythe that is in bs, and reionsyng in the byth of John, that is in the holy gospell newe tysen amongest bs by the grace of god, praple and thanke most hartily with Za= chary our loade god of Afraell, whiche hath bi= fpted bs, illumpnyng our feble ignozant hartes with the knowlege of his most holy word. wher by he hath caused the redemption of bs his pe= culpar people, from our theall captinitie of our aostely

gostely ememy the deupli, and our both goostly and bodyly ememye, the byshop of Rome, and his complyces.

ET erexit cornu salutis nobis in domo Dauid pueri sui.

NTICHRIST of Rome hath longe dif= fimuled with vs, foodynge vs forthe with banities: As pardons, pilgrimages, bulles, ne= uer ryaht calued, supersticions, counterfeite re= liaion, ferned reliques, and suche other innumerable fort of trashes, haberdashery ware, and all for money. For the old prouerbe, Omnia vena= lia Rome, fand by the Dagans, long before Christ was incarnate, is not lefte bupgactifed by the fande Antichzist our moste holy father (as they call hym) his cardinalles and bythoppes, wher= of the chiefe marchaunt of mpschiefe is the sayd holy father. I praye you, what thynge was and pet is not sale kynde at Rome, sauinge our englyshe soules: for the whiche we have nowe of late founde a better marte: And that whiche is most abhorred of god, the sayd Antichriste, and moste adversary of Christ, had brought be into the actils worthipping of fals goddis. Dh god of Acrael, for thy tender mercy, into what blynd fantalies of madde myschiefe were we thy selve creatures brought by the hydring and thutting by of thy holy worde from by: And what iniu= ries dyd thy moste faythfull ministers, and pet for the most parte do sustenne, to be so arrogant= 25 ii ly de=

Salustius.

ly depained of they, princely regymentes buder

the, by thambycious wraftyng of thy fayd word to the mayutenaunce of a dyuellythe power a= gaynst thy ryght power: wherby the due obedi= ence of subjectes was converted into rebellion, and the concord of commonties dissolved: Thou lavest good god, as thou haddest ben a slepe, and dyd suffer by to dreame by the. Euen as thou dyddest from Adams fall, buto the tyme thy only some became incarnate, wherof zachary p20= phecied a lyttell befoze, faying, That thou had= delt rayled bp an home for our helthe, meaning. that Chapft shuld be borne the buinersal freath power and glore of our faluation, and that in the house of konge Dauid the electe seruaunte. But nowe through the leght, whiche is sprong in bs, bpon thy holy worde, (agaynst an blut= ped power and reigne of Lucifer, mafte butrue= ly counterfayte, byon thy most bndouted trewe worde) thou hast rayled by to be thy peculvas people, a godly dewe power of helthe, our natu= rall most souerapane loide konge HENRY the VIII. by thy grace, which is also a true strength and ryghtfull kyngedome, apperteyning to the moste noble house of his moste famouse progenitours, for our great confolation, tranguillite, and holfome safetie, bothe of our bodyes and foules to. Whose maiestie we recognise and beleve throughe thy sayde worde, to be thyne holy enounted, immediate mingster, and bicar ouer

vs : and buto whom onelye thy goodnes hath

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Et erexit
cornu falus
tis nobis
In domo
Dauid pues
si fui.

Roma.13. 1. Petri. 2. Sapien, 6.

commptted the cure charge and governaunce of bs, and whom we owe to obey love and dreade, and to whom also we owe only to have recourse as buto thy chiefe herdeman. But alas we have 1.Pet.2. ben longe (pea and to longe) wandapinge frome hom, and have fought a strange shepherde, whi= che sempnge buto bs as meke and humble as a lambe, (what by him felfe and what by his whel pes) hath bene a bery deuourynge wulfe of bs. and moze rauenouse then a wulfe. foz he hath not onely confumed the thepe, but the flece and bones alfo. But nowe being retourned home a= gayne by the diligente ferche and labour of our fande moste loupinge kynde and holy pastour, let bs not erre noz strape agayne from hom, foz he is lothe to lose one the worste of bs, lette bs not then lose hym, but mooste kyndely folowe hym. Aycke by him, defende hym, obeye hym, and lo= upngely dreade and honour hym, euen for god= Roma,13, des lake, and for conscience lake, bycause god= des holy word teacheth and byndeth bs fo to do.

Sicut locutus est per os sanctorum: qui à seculo sunt prophetarum eius.

HRISTE VVAS not fodeynly bozne, but his incarnation and commyng to be borne in the house of Dauid, was spoken of god, by the mouthes of his prophetes, from the begyn= nyinge of the worlde: that we shulde faythfully beleue it. And therfoze bindoubtedly Jeremie, Hiere. 23. Daniel, Claie, Micheas, zacharie, and all the Daniel, 13. 28 iii residue

relidue of the prophetes celled not, to prophecpe Efai. II. Miche. 5+ and thewe Chaiftes incarnation. And the same Zacha. 6. also byd the dedes of Adam, Abel, Enoch, and of al other the fathers of the olde testament ma= nyfestly set forth: as bidoubtedly also both the same fathers, and prophetes, and other the residue of the olde testament, if due application be put therunto, partely by they? dedes, and parte-Eiai. 14. Ezec.22. ly by they prophecies, bothe thewe and let forth 23.24.34. Hiere.29. the pompous pride and blurpatio of the bythop Daniel.12. of Rome, and the mischiefes captiuities and ab= hominations that have ensued ther boon to god des flocke. and yet the same byshoppes, captay= nes of al those myschiefes, nepther have noz thal escape quyte awaye: foz btter confusion, depe falles, and perpetual dammation, both hath and Chall, as fure as god lyueth, come bppon they? 3. Re. 10. neckes therfoze. And the fame fathers and pro= 3. Reg. 1. phetes do lyke wyle thewe and let forthe, that of 2. Par. 29. very godly ryghte and iustice, kynges pynces 2.Para.30. 2.Para,31, and other tempozall rulers, euer from the be-2.Para.23. gynnynge of the worlde, haue and oughte to be the only governours orderers and rulers of and 2.Par. 34. ouer then, people, naturally broughte by, con= Sap. 6. gregate, and beinge within theyz prouvnces te= almes and dominions, of what so ever sorte de= 4.Re.17. gree og condicion they be, spirituall og tempogal, 2.re.18.19 as we cal them: And what honourable and hum 3.Reg.I. ble obedyence the subjectes of every kynde and Daniel. 4. forte, owe to ble and beare towardes they kpn=

ges and rulers, and that god was the onely fet=

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ter by and putter downe of them: And that god toke, and affuredly wyl take, fore and areuouse bengeaunce boon such, as dysturbed the royall feate of any kynge oz pzynce: And howe gracy- 1. Reg. 10. ousely also god both preserve kynges and princes, infusynge in them speciall godly gyftes a= boue other. And the layde fathers and prophe= 1. Reg. 15. tes do warne and exhorte the subjectes, incessant ly to praye for they kynges prynces and rulers. All which prophecies and dedes of the fapd pro= phetes and fathers, Chailte hym felfe, after his commong, affizmeth, and by his owne most holy wood and cramples both teache and fraight= ly bynde bs, to doo and folowe the fame. Ho; he beinge of two differente natures, that is bothe god and man, and beinge kynge of kynges, and the supreme power, as he saythe in the laste cha= puter of Matth. Al power is gruen to me in hea Matth.uls uen and in erthe. In heaven, bycause he had it timo. fo, as god, befoze he was incarnate: In erthe, bycause he was god and man after his incarnation, and refuspinge and detestyinge all worldly honour and kyngedome, charaynge also Peter, and all his true folowers, to do lykewyle, dydde most humbly meke hym felfe, and takyng bpon Philipp. 2, hom the fathion of a feruaunt, was wollyngely moste pooze and mooste obedient subjecte to the worldly powers. For he fayth of hym felfe. The fores have dennes, a the byzdes of the ayze have nestes, but the sonne of man bath not wherin to thrust his beed. And his obedience was so great.

1.Regum. 3. Reg. 2.

Luce, 23.

Luc.20.

as none coulde be more. for he was obedient bu to his fathers wyll, and to worldly powers wyl. also even buto the moste shamefull death of the crosse, by the sudgement of the ruler Ponce 19i= late. And to lette forthe this obedience with all, Chaifte teacheth bs a lesson byon the resolution of the perfedous and fraudulent questyon, de= maunded of hom by the mellangers of the chief of the scribes and pharifers, whiche Luke reher feth in the. rr. chapiter, whether it be laufull to apue tribute to Cefar oz no. To whiche Chaifte answered thus in effect, velde to Cesar that whiche is Cefars, and to god that which is goddis. As who farth, breause your tempozall ruler and fouerapane loade, hath power ouer pour bodpes and goodis, and is pour defender and preferuer, and also charged in his spiritual ministery with you bider god : pelde to hym tribute, a knowe= lege of your subjection. And bicause god grueth you body and foule, and al that ye have belydes

Matth.22, forth, and hath power over all, and asketh no= thynge but your foule for all : pelde hym that.

Luc.21.

Tand Chailte an other tyme to berify his fayd pouertie, and for an example of obedience, that his true folowers thulde beare to the tempozalle powers, he commaunded Peter, to take monepe Matt. 17. out of a tylhes mouth, bycaule nepther of them

had any, to pay to the gatherer for theym bothe. I.Petri.2. Peter also taught of Chaist to set foath this obe= Dience, gaue commandement to all the faythful, to be obedient for goddis fake to the kyng, as to

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the chief hed. A to other his substitute rulers a de= puties: And Paule comadeth the same, addping Roma.iz. therbuto, that every power is of god, a is goddis minister, a not otherwise, and the relistace therof is damnation. And Paule weytynge to Citus. byddeth hym to charge the people, to obey prin= cis, and the hygher powers. Ind Deter, Paule, 1.Cor. 3. and other the appostels, call them felfes in holve scriptures but minysters, and they; power a my= nisterpe. And according to this, Deter was obe-Drent in mynistrynge at the comandement of the Galath. 2. other apostelles, to goo to Samarie with John. And also Peter was appoputed to be a preacher amonge the Jewes, and John and James with hom: & Paule and Barnabas with hom, among the gentyles. And Paule bofteth, that Peter and John gaue hym their right handes. And Paule farth alfo, that he blamed Deter openly, bycause he followed not the trouthe of the golpel. And in= numerable mo auctorities of scripture are to be reherled hereof. But nowe, lefte I shoulde seme to longe in this place, let this lyttell pretye piece, though it were moche lesse, cut out of the righte large, true wrought, and moste beautyfull cloth, goddis holy scriptures, concerning the Audaical Antichzist of Rome, and his adherentes, whyche stande best in their owne pernyciouse conceptes. lyke the Jewes, whose blyndnes caused them to beleue John Baptist, better then Christ, not with standing the greate number of spanes and pro= phecies, whiche they had, witnesting that he was come.

Titum. 3.

come, be lufficiet to lay befoze them, foz a patron, to stayne and betterly shame all their counterfayt clothes of fals interpretations, and coloured glo ses of their feyned gospel. And thanks our lorde god of Asrael, that he hath so clered our syght, he we have now at the last, found a right Paul, our sayd most souerayn lord the kyng, to compteol a abolyshe Peters distinuted successours counterfayte gospell, and to anaunce, and preferre god dis owne most true and faythfull gospell.

Salutem ex inimicis nostris, & de manu omnium qui oderunt nos.

become from an angell of highe heaven, a deupli

vr avncient enmy, who bycause he had ben so high a creature, aboue other, and

Efai.14,

with the highest, never ceased after to stryue as geynst god, and his best beloved creature mankynde. In so moche, that so some as ever he perceyved the fyzls parentes were formed and setly in the pleasant place of Paradyse, a that god had bounde them to a certagne obedience, he infected them with his pestilent pride of disobedience as geynst god, for the whiche they were expled that place, and both they and they? posteritie brought to rume and captive bondes of the same ennemy and his innumerable sort of earls angels, which

contynually laye in awayte of theym, butyll the birth of Chailte, who was and is the buyuerfall home power strength and glozy, for the helth of

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Gen.3.

mankende, against the sayd enemy, and his sayd aungelles, whiche pet neuertheleffe delifteth not day and nyght, noz neuer wyll accordynge to his olde custome, by a thousand ingres and meanes to plant debate betwene god and man, a betwene man and man, power and power, & every where causeth disobedience, and rebellion of subjectes, agepust their souerains, a ledeth mankind by fan talies aillulions from one mischiefe to an other, butpli he bapage them to forgette god, and buto what order they were appoprited frast by god, as by experièce amongelt our felfes, here in Englad we have cause best to percepue. For what by oure sand enmye the deupll, and what by our ennemy the byshoppe of Rome, his traditions and fals boctrones, his banities and dreames, his hppocrific and fayned relygion, the dyuels inaces, we were brought in case, that we dyd set more by the than by god, or any part of his doctrine, ana feated more the byllhop of Romes curse, than god= dis bengeaunce, whiche began to come in hande apace by the moste contagious plagues of com= motions and rebellions amogelt our felfes. But Saluten that god, whiche is the inlyghtner of the harte of man, and the belthe of mans foule, of his inestimable mercy and goodnes, rayled by for by his power of helth of glozy and of Areigth, our godly folias, and mofte fouerapgne lozde the kynges maiestie, to wake and conspoer by his corrupt & wandapinge flocke, and haupinge recepued by the 2.Par. 346 handes of his ryght bertuous fcrybe Saphan,

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Ex inimicis nottris,

Et de manu omniŭ qui oderŭt nos. Psal, 88.

euen the grace of god, the boke of the law of god long hid, did fet forth the same with al diligence, by which our ignozant darknes is become a perfect knowlege of lyght, And we percepue clerely, that we dyd abuse our selfes in disobedience both ageynst god, and our sayd souerayn lozde, whom god hath orderned oure Michaell, our Daupd, and our only helth in erth, ageynft the pompous Lucifer, and monstruous Golyath of Rome, and all our enempes of every fort, and who is an able power and strengthe by god, to defende and preferue bs, from the handes of all theym that hate bs. for god fayth of him, I have put helpe in the power, and man of myghte, and have auaunced, whome I have chosen among my people, I have founde Dauid mpn owne seruant, whom I have announted with my holpe oyle. And therfore my hande Chall helpe hym, and myn arme Chall confirme hym, his ennempe thall not preuaple at all in hym, and the chyld of iniquitie shall not prease to hurt hpm, I that make his enmyes fall downe by heapes before his face, and shall put to flyght suche as hate hym, nip trouth and mercy shall be cuer with hom, and in my name that his home of of glozy, power, and helth, be exalted. Lo, this is most comfortable helth, consolation, reioyce, and glone of all faythfull loupnge hartes, and moste terrible feare, quakynge dieade, and btter confufion of all buttue, malicious, and hatefull trap= tours : whiche are goddis and our moste detesta= ble and abhorrible ennemies and haters.

Ad faciendam misericordiam cum patribus noftris, & memorari testamenti fui fancti: Iusiurandum quod iurauit ad Abraham patrem noftrum daturum fe nobis.

ACHARIE PRAYSETH COD, that by the home of power and helthe, whiche he hath rapled by for be in the house of Dauid (as is before mencioned) he shulde do and shewe his mercy with the fathers, Abzaham Isaac Jacob, and all the other of the olde testamente, that they beinge deade befoze Chapftes communae, shulde be part takers with they, children and folowers. of the benefytes of his pallion, wherin they had perfyte hope whyle they lyued. And he byndeth god therbuto in the true performance of his most holy covenaunt that he prompled Abraham: The moofte bleffed byzaine Marie beinge concepued with Chapite also (as in the same fraste chappter of Luke is reherled) magnifieth god most humbly for the fame, after this maner, That all that is in her both magnifie god, bycause he hath be= holde the mekenes of his hande mayde, whom al Luc, x, nations shall blesse. For his myabte bath boone great thynges to her, and therfoze his name is holy, and his mercy is infinite, for he hath not on ly thewed it in her, but frome generation to generation, suche as feare hpm. he hath taken bp his feruaunt Afrael, beinge remembred of his holpe couenante, accozoging as he promyfed Abraham, and his seede for euer more, whiche Mary and zacharie bothe, enforce bs nowe also (as trewe

Ad facien da miseri= cordia cu patribus nostris.

Genefits. Et memo rari teftas menti fini fancti, lus iuran.&c.

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Actaelytes and seers of god) to magnyfie and praple our lorde god of Ilrael, for his great mer= cy and holy covenant late thewed and performed Genefis. in bs. foglyke as it is allo wyptten. Chat there fel an heup flepe bpon Abzaham, and gret darke= nes fell byon hym. And the load layde buto him, knowe this of a fuertye, that thy feede thall be a straunger in a lande that is not theyes. And they Chall make bondemen of them, and intreate them eupll, foure hundred peres, but the people, whom they thall serve, wyll I sudge, afterwarde they Mall go forthe with great substaunce. Euen soo was it come to palle with bs, foz our fathers and also we beinge seduced and led blynde with fan= talies and mens inventions, by the lubtyle pla= ctile of the ambicyoule Romanyste Lucifer, and his complices, were cafte into an heup flepe, and great darkenes of ignozaunce in god, and his mooste holy worde, and therby also were we as subtylly and sylve conveyed, and made captyve straungers at Rome, bycause we had of ryghte nothrnge to do in that citie oz lande, and ther= fore were we eupli intreated of them, with they? mpschiefes and abhominations accordyngelye, And as men ble they; bondemen, soo bled they bs. for they fet bs befyly and bylye a worke, to clyme the ladder, to bipnge them word what god dpd in heaven, but the moze we dpdde clyme, the farther downe we wente, And then we must seke this faynte, and that faynte, this blocke and that Stocke, this tope and that tope, offer here and offer

fer there, and kylle here and lycke there, tylle it was tyme to refte for werpnes. The Egipcian tirannye was never moze labozous to our fozefathers. And what so ever we coulde get or gather together was Moztly after theyz owne good, and had nothing therfoze but cleane remilio of thaift. Ind neyther wold they manumile one of bs, but take our cheuage and let bs go tyll a nother time a gather moze. And this cotinued moze the foure hundzed peres, butyll our lozde god of Afraell, whose mestimable mercy and goodnes, whose inenarable ryghtuousenche and trouth excedeth al thyinge that is, bouchedfafe of late tyme to illumone moste graceousely our sayd darkenes, with his holy wood, whereby we have percepted Chaift the auctour of our lyght, and our onely fautour, to be as it were newly come and incarnate for bs: and that throughe the fayth whiche we have in hpm, we be (as Paule fayth) reputed iuftified as Roma. was our father Abzaham, whose chyldzen adop= tive and multiplication of his fede by faythe, we nowe also be. And the very partetakers with our fande fozefathers Abzaham Afaac Jacob, and al the remanaunt of the olde testamente and newe bothe, and they with bs, of the merytes of Chaiftes bloud, prompled by god to Abraham and his fande fede for evermore, to whom the bloudde of a lambe was a figurative faluation in Egypte. Exod. 12. And we percepue also, by the illumination of the sappe holy worde, that the byshoppe of Rome, to whose tranny we were thus as is sayde, thall,

Exod. 12. 13.14.

is judged of god, to be Chaples bitter aduerlary. and the blurper of the ryghtful power of kynges and papices, goddes tyghte mynisters ouer his people. And we newelp adoptive Afraelites from the savde the aldome of the savd by shop, theough the fame worde also, no leste wonderfully delyue= red into great welthe and tope by our most godly captain the kynges highnes, then were our foze= father Acraelites from the captiuitie of the tyan nous Pharao into the plefaunt land of promiffi= on by they, holy prophete and leader Morles.

Vt fine timore de manu inimicorum nostrorum liberati serujamus illi : In fanctitate & iusticia coram ipso omnibus diebus nostris.

manu inimicorum nostrorũ liberati

Ve fineti- CITHENS through thonly inestimable good more de Ines, mercy, and loue of god towarde bs, and not by any part of our deferuying towardes him, we be thus graciously carclesse and without any feare delpuered, from the handes of our befoze tehersed ennemies, and are become the seers of god, and the adoptyue chyldzen of Abzaham by farthe, through the illumination of his most ho= ly worde in bs, and converted from the nyaht in to the dage, that is from the darkenes of the ig= Seruiame nogant knowlege of god to the bapght knowlege of hom: it behoueth by with all our monde with all our barte, with all our soule, and with al that which is or may be in bs, to love and dreade him, and with pure and fincere holpnes and farthfull ryghtuousenes, serue and honour hym, lyke as 1Daule

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In fanctitate & ius fticia,

purely, but to lyue holply, not to fasshion our sel= fes buto this worlde, but to be changed through

brodeth bs to be the folowers of god, as moofte derely beloued chyldren, and to walke in loue as Chapfte loued bs. And puttynge bs in remem= braunce, that we were sometyme darkenes, and nowe light in our loade god, biddeth by to walke as chyldren of the lyght. for the fruite of the fpy=

Paule fayth, god hath not called be to lytte im= Roma.12.

the renewyng of our mynde. And therfoze Baule Ephels.

rite is all maner of rightuousnes and trouth, and to prove what is pleasinge buto the lorde. And have no felowshyp with the unfruitefull workes of Darkenes, but rather rebuke them. And Peter I.Petriz. also comfortyng by in our chosen generation, our holy nation, and that we be a peculiar peple, wil= leth bs, that we shuld shewe the vertues of him. whiche bath called by frome darkenes buto his merueplouse lyaht, Euen we, whiche are nowe a people of god, whiche sometyme were not so, and whiche nowe have obterned mercy, whiche some tyme we had not, and commaundeth by to lette a lyde all vice, that they, whiche backebyte vs for eupl doers, maye fe our good workes, and prapfe god in the day of visitacion. And he there subiop= neth dyners rules of good workes, of the which

the fyiste is, that we shoulde submytte our selfes bnto all creatures for goddes fake, whether it be buto the kyng, as buto the chiefe heade and most excellent aboue other, or buto any other his fub= flitute rulers and deputies, which ar fent by him,

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for the punishement of the eurl, and prayle of the good, for foo is the wyll of god. And briefely as mongest other he compileth this lesson, Honour all men, loue brotherly felowshyp, feare god, and honour the kynge. And our auctour of lyghte, Chryste saythe of hym selfe, I am the lyght of the world, and who that foloweth me, walketh not in darkenes, but shall have everlastynge lyfe. And what shall be our common pathe sayth he, but do all suche thynges to other men, whiche ye wolde they shuld do unto you. And that we shuld know our tyme of workynge, he byddeth us to worke

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Matth. 7.

- whyle we have light, and lest we also shuld spend our tyme of lyght unprofytably (lyke as Paule 2. Cor. 6. warneth vs, that we shulde not receive grace in vayue) he thretneth vs by example to take it from vs, and to bestowe it better uppon other. For he
- fayth, A certagne servant, to whome his may ser had delivered a postion of money to employ, hyd y money, a dyd nothing therwith: atherfose whan his master came to have accompt of him a other, a founde he had made no encrease therof, he blamed hym soze, a caused it to be taken from him, a delivered but one of his other servantes, whom he had tried a profytable servant. And therfore
- Daule saythe buto bs, As pehaue recepued of bs, howe ye shulde walke a please god, so walke that ye may encrease the moze abundauntly. and as Peter saythe, yf you be good louers and folo-
- wers of Chailte, who can hutte you. And pet our Coraipso serupce muste besuche as god alloweth holy and trans

sightuous ozels it were better budone. And ther fore Christ taught his electes, howe their service Manh.s. and workes thuld be accepted of god, faring bn= to them, ye are the light of the worlde, and men ble not to lyght a candell, a overwhelme it with a buffell whan they have done, but fetteth it bp= pon a candelftycke, that it may light al them that be in the howse, even so let your lyaht Chyne be= fore men, that they mave fee your good workes, and glozifie, whom e you e nay, but your father, whiche is in heuen. as who faith, you can of thalt do no workes (seme they never so holy) that thall be accepted of god, that are not done for goddis honour but for your owne. For so dyd the hypo= crite pharifers fet abzode the fkyztes of their gar= mentes, and blyd al their doinges to be sene and payled of men. But Peter byddeth be fanctifie I.Pet. 3. our lozde Chaift in our hartes . And Paule alfo i. Cor.6. faythe, Glozifie and beare god in your bodye. ag. 1. Cor. 10. who farth, Let al your outward good workes be inwardely for goddis fake, and his glorie. But howe farre thynke ye our popy the monkery and freerye, and all other disquesed rables of energe kynde of the fayned and popeholy relygion (whi= che thanked be god for his grace, are in a good towardnes to be made out of our waves for ever moze)be and haue be differynge from Zacharies before reherfed holynes and rightuousnes before god-furely as farre as betweene zacharies ac= Manh. 7. quayntance and theirs. And therfore all though they cry in neuer fo great a route, and butyl they

be hoorle, lozde lozde open for bs, and have in neuer so fast, pet woll heaven gates open neuer the moze. for Christe well answere thepm, I neither knowe your newe fallioned apparagle, noz you, ye be not my thepe of y house of Israel, for whom I made my holy couenant, ye be the Idolaters, the gentyls, ye neuer recepued my gospel, noz dyd my fathers will, pe imbrafed Antichriftes golpel, a were therecutours of his wyl, even the workes of darknes and of deth, ambition, sedition, bayn glozye, and luche lyke abhomynations. I loued and taught aboue all thinges pouertie and obedience, ye made a promple, a sware bayne othes, to folowe me in them, but you hated them for all that about all thynges. Hypocrites, ye prompled gold, but ye payd fylthy thinges, you made your felfes postessioners and lozdes of the earthe, and were fedycious disobeyours of myne ozdynances and holy lawes made by myn elect mynyster and right folower of the good Josias, whom you dil-simuled your moste soueraygne lozd, bearing an blurper in your corrupte bosomes, that he shuld redzelle your idolatrie a abhompnable falhyons of bugodly lyuyng, A to put to better bles your treasures and possessions, whyche you dyd entop withoute suste title by me. I saye to you therfoze yet ones ageyne, I knowe you not, get you hens from me into damnation with al your iniquites. And not withstandynge these, pet be there other thynges, wherby our holynes and rightuousnes ar lykewyle to be made perfect befogegod, which

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2.Par, 34.

Matt. 7.

me must also observe, as that there be no diversitie of opinions amongest bs, but as Paule saith, that we drawe all one way, hauping one loue, be= Philipp.2. inge of one accorde and of one mynde, that there be nothing done through Arrie and varinglosis; Philipp. 3. but through mekenes of mind, and in that, wherbnto we are come, let bs procede by one rule. And it is also to be observed, that we boft not bngod= Ephel 4. ly of our gostely renewynge in the lyahte of the knowlege of god, as who saithe, it came of oure 2. Cor. 10. selfes, leste whyle we measure our selues by oure Roma.12. selves, and holde onely of our selfes, we buder= stande nothung. And lest perauenture, whyle we 1. Cor. 10. seme to stande, we fall sodepuly or we be ware. It behoueth than therfoze, that we esteme our selfes as Paule estemeth hymselfe, and folowehis example therin, saying. It is the grace of god, that Philipp.s. I am such a one as Jam, Jam not al redy perfect, but I folow, if I may copzehende that wherin I am comprehended of Chalt Jelu. Brethern-diebus no A count not my selfe pet that I have gotten it! firis. but one thing I say, I forget that whiche is behynde, and stretche my selfe buto that whiche is before, and prease buto the marke appointed to opterne the rewarde of the high calling of god in Chaifte Jefu. And also outholpnes and rightuousnesse muste have a durable contynuance in a ryahte perfection, and not for a tyme, or nowe good and than eupli, but all tymes good, fo as it Luc 8. may be fayd, goddes wood was fowen in a good Matth. 13. lande, which fruitefully abydeth to the full tyme

of haruelt, and not in stony grounde of amonge bullhes, so that it may not fructifie and tary the full trine. For what anapleth it to have be neuer fo longe counted noble, wyfe, oz counnynge, and at the laste, through wylfull ignoraunce and ob= stinate frowardnes (as we of late haue knowen many) to be condemned to Mamefull Deathe, and to be noted in perpetuall memozy most wzetched and moste folyshe! De what auayleth a manne to haue lyued all his dayes in holynes and rightu= oulnes, and at the last moment of his lyfe, to con= cepue a myschiefe, a be damned foz euermoze : yet better it were to lyue longe eupl, a dye wel, as dyd he honge on the ryght hande of Chaifte, then to lyue longe well, and dye eugll, as dydde Judas, who was longe good after he was called, and pet dyed moste myserably. And therefore as Christe faith, perfeuer in goodnes, and thou shalt be fure to be faued by Chastis deth. Let bs then, having continually before the cies of our hartes the bn= spekcable goodnes and mercy of god spewed bn= to vs through the lyght of his most holy worde, not onely ferue and honour him, our felfe in perfecte holynes and rightuousnesse befoze hym all our dayes, but so thewe and sette forthe buto out chyldzen, and suche other as we have in charge bnder god, howe great thinges god hath doone for us newe Acraelites, that they also, and frome generation to generation, maye lyke wyle ferue and honour hym for euer more.

Et tu puer propheta altissimi uocaberis: preibis enim ante facie domini, parare uias eius : Ad dandam scientiam salutis plebi eius, in remissionem peccatorű eorum: Per uiscera misericordie dei nostri, in quibus uifitauit nos oriens ex alto: Illuminare his qui in tenebris & in umbra mortis sedent ad dirigendos pedes nostros in uiam pacis.

YKE AS ZACHARIE afterthat he had prophecied a fet forthe Christes incarnation, the moste comfortable helth & saluation of mans foule, and lauded a prayled god therfore, he dyd also prophecienge set forthe the graciouse qualities of his ponge sonne John (foz as moche as he Erm puer p then knewehym by the remembraunce of the reuelation of the angell befoze he was concepued) to be a necessary minister appopited of god. and therfore called hym the prophete of the mooste hygheft god, to go befoze hym to make redy his rare uias ways, and to do other divine ministeries for him, eius. At is convenient also, that we (nowe that Chaifte is playnely and truely by his holy worde thewed and let forth buto bs, and as he were newe borne agaphe for bs) with all hartye good wyll and mond shuld avance into perpetual fame our said moste soueraygne loade the kynges moste ercel= lent maiestie, whom (by bery expert perception of most godly commodities) we know nowe to be a necessary minister of god for our both bodely and gostly helthe. And as it was shewed by the aungell, that many chulde rejoyle in Johns natiuis

pheta altifs mi uocabes ris, Preibis ent ante faciem domini pa-

tie, even so have we great tope (through the light of goddes holy worde) in the moofte ryghtuouse restitution of his godlye title power and myny= stery over bs, wherof he and his most noble plo= genitours have be long by vlurpation deprived. And beinge also replete with the grace of god, both after the interpretatio of the name of John, and his graciouse antecellent bertues, resembled to Johns, and for his bleffed trauaple in true fet= trnge forthe his lorde and mailter Christe, mare be and ought to be esterned of bs an other John Baptiff, and holy prophete of the moofte hyghest god. In whose light by his godly mingstration, his highnes gothe befoze hym to make redy and playne his wayes in the foules of bs his regene= rate people of Mraell, commytted by hym to his da sciens charge, whose hyghnes also (declarynge the true tia falutis Difference betwenc the bery tyght and payncypall Plebi cius. thynges perteynynge to our faluation, and thac= cidentall laudable ceremonies and rites, not pertepnynge necessarylye to our saluation : lyke as John Baptist putteth difference betwenchis ba= ptilme of penaunce in water onely, and Chaiftes baptisme in the boly goste, affrimpinge his bap= tilme to grue neyther remission of lynne noz spiritual grace, but Chaiftes baptilme to grue them bothe abundantely) dothe grue buto bs (by the spucere preachynge and settyng forth of the most in remise comfortable gospelle) knowlege and buderstanfione per dynge of the helthe of our faluation, whiche is Chauft, the only remptter and pardoner of finne,

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throughe the tendernes of goddes holy mercy to: wardes bs. And not by any other meanes or facrifice, then by the deathe of Chailt, which for the nones came from aboue, lyke a fpzyngynge light of iustice, to lyght by whiche satte and abode log both in the darknes of the ignozance of god, ain o Chadowe of deth, which folowed by every where for our symme. And to directe and leade the fete of our foules from the obstinate rebelliouse genera= tion of our fozefathers (whose hartes were not directe buto god, northeyz spiryte beleuynge in god, but rather in mennes traditions and fictions, belydes Chastes gospell) into the wave of gostly workes of ryghtuousnes before god, whi= che is peace with god, to whom be eternall glosp prayle and empire for his before reherled inenar= rable graces and benefytes infused in our sayde moste souerapone lozde, wherof he hath also in= parted buto bs so plentyfully that thrughe the bapght lyght of goddes moste holy worde, we be bothe borne agapne a peculiar fortunate and blef sed people of god, in pure knowlede of hym, and also delyuered from the hozrible a captyue thal= dome of our moste cruell and tyrannous enmies the dyuell and the byshoppe of Rome. Desyring yet also goddes infinite goodnes, so to illumyne (with his holy word) other temporal prynces and rulers, and they? people (whiche pet lytte in lyke darkenes and hadowe of deathe as we dyd, by= cause god hath not thewed noz opened his iuge= Pfal. 147. mentes buto them, lykewyle as he hath done bu=

Per uiscera mifericordie dei nostri, in quibus uisi . tauit nos oriens ex alto Zacha. 6. Pfal. 77. Illuminare his qui in tes nebris & in umbra mor tis sedent ad dirigendos pedes no= ftros inuiami pacis.

to bs) that they with bs and we with theym (all blurped power the only rote of discorde, betwene and in all nations and of all other abhominati= ons growen therby clerely extincte) myght parti= cipate the afozelapde godly trahtuoulenes and peace with god. As one heuenly flocke bnder one moste chiefe herdeman (Chapste) commytted by hym to the sondaye charge and gouernaunce of kynges paynces and other temporall rulars bp= pon erthe: And fynally (hauynge a continual de= uoute meditation of goddes fand graces and be= nefptes) Let be biligently in moofte harty wple (according to Pauls exhortation in this behalfe) praye buto god, for the moste toyfull prosperytie and longe good helthe of our lapde moofte foue= rayane loade the kynge: the most aracious lady quene Anne, his moste lawfull noble wyfe, and the moste noble Paynce Edwarde his moste lauful some and hepze apparant, and buto be most excellent preciouse tewel a treasure: And that god well bouchfafe bothe to adde buto exther of the termes of they lyues prefinite and appointed as he added buto the good Ezechias, and also grant that the layde Punce may late longe luccede his fayde moste noble father, bothe in kyngbomeand graciouse vertues, with increace of chylogen to them bothe allo, vfq in consummationem feculi, 2010 after this worldely reggne, celestially to reggne with god, Amen.

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Ezec. 38.

Tim. 2.

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